

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2018 – SB 2347

February 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Entitles county jails to reimbursement from the Department of Correction (DOC) for expenses incurred for detaining, holding or housing a state parolee waiting for a parole revocation hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,318,500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-11-103, a county is authorized to seek reimbursement of up to \$60 per day per inmate or the actual per diem cost, whichever is less, for any expense incurred in relation to the charge or charges for which a person was sentenced to a county jail.
- The proposed legislation entitles a county to reimbursement from DOC for housing a parolee at a local jail pending a parole revocation hearing. Reimbursement is authorized at a rate of the lower of \$60 per day or the actual per diem cost of maintaining the inmate.
- Based on information provided by DOC, county jails are currently reimbursed at a weighted average rate of \$48.77 per day per inmate for days between a violation and a revocation hearing date for parolees.
- It is assumed counties seeking reimbursement will have an actual cost per day higher than \$60 and will receive an additional \$11.23 (\$60 - \$48.77) per day per inmate as a result of this legislation.
- There has been an average of 1,454 parole warrants in each of the last 10 years with offenders each spending an average of 80.75 days housed in a local jail awaiting a revocation hearing.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,318,520 [(\$11.23 x 80.75) x 1,454 offenders]

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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